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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### City's First Stimulus-Funded Road Project to be Focus of News Conference

*\$1.68 Million Rebuild Underway for W. State St. from N. 17<sup>th</sup> St. to N. 27<sup>th</sup> St.*

The first roadway reconstruction project in the City of Milwaukee funded almost entirely by **federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** funds (more than \$1.6 million) will be discussed tomorrow (Thursday, September 10, 2009) during a news conference hosted by **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**. The dual-phase reconstruction of busy W. State St. from N. 17<sup>th</sup> St. and to N. 27<sup>th</sup> St. is expected to be completed in 2010.

Alderman Bauman, chair of the Common Council's Public Works Committee, said the targeted deteriorating stretch of State St. was last asphalted in 1975 and has been the subject of numerous complaints about potholes and their suspected damage to vehicles. He said the project's first phase has created a challenge for commuters who rely on W. State St. to get downtown and to Marquette University, MATC, the Milwaukee County Courthouse, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering, to name a few. "The first phase of the project has eliminated all eastbound traffic on State in the work zone, and during the second phase (in 2010) all westbound traffic will be suspended until the project is finished," he said. "I urge patience by commuters while State Street receives its badly needed rebuild."

The city is covering \$93,000 in engineering costs for the project, according to the Department of Public Works.

**WHAT:** State St. project news conference

**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 10

**WHERE:** Intersection of W. State St. and N. 17<sup>th</sup> St.

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